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SUBJECT: UEKI VISIT

REFS: BRASILIA 2709, 33J1, AND 3523

1. DEPARTMENT NOW MOVING FROM PLANNING ON GENERAL
SCHEDULE CONTENT TO MORE DETAILED ATTEMPT TO SET TIMES FOR
SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS. WE ARE SHARING AVAILABLE INFOR-
MATION WITH BRAZILIAN EMBASSY, AND EMBASSY IS WIRING
BRASILIA FOR ANY SUPPLEMENTARY BACKGROUND OBTAINABLE
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THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS.

2. TO REVIEW STATUS OF ITEMS LISTED IN BRASILIA 2079:

(A) FINAL DECISION ON MEETING (OR POSSIBLY LUNCHEON) WITH SECRETARY IS STILL PENDING, ALTHOUGH SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF MAY 17-21 EXTREMELY TIGHT WITH FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL VISIT MAY 17 AND 18 AND PLANNED TRAVEL BEGINNING MAY 20. IF IT PROVES IMPOSSIBLE FOR SECRETARY TO RECEIVE, WE WILL PREPARE RECOMMENDATION THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY HOST LUNCHEON. FOR THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN SAY TO GOB.

(B) ON VISIT TO USGS, RESTON: EMBASSY MAY EXTEND TO MINISTER FORMAL INVITATION ON BEHALF OF DR. V.E. MCKELVEY, DIRECTOR OF USGS TO VISIT USGS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT RESTON. VISIT WILL PROBABLY TAKE FULL MORNING OR FULL AFTERNOON AND USGS WOULD PLAN HOST LUNCHEON. LETTER FROM MCKELVEY TO UEKI WILL FOLLOW.

(C) EARTH SCIENCES AGREEMENT. RESPONSE ON THIS SENT STATE 97183. IF UEKI AGREES RESTON VISIT, WOULD ENVISION THAT SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (OR STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES) WOULD TAKE PLACE IN RESTON.

(D) VISIT TO BRAZIL BY ERDA/NRC PHYSICAL SECURITY EXPORTS. AFTER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL, ERDA FINDS IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO SEND A TEAM BEFORE UEKI VISIT HERE. THEY ARE PROPOSING TEAM ARRIVE IN BRASILIA MAY 27. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL.

(E) NRC/CNEN AGREEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF REGULATORY INFORMATION AND COOPERATION IN SAFETY RESEARCH. NRC IS PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD AND HAS SENT REQUESTED TEXT OF ADDENDUM IN STATE 94529. ASSUMING GOB HAS NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTY WITH DRAFT TEXT PROPOSED, CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT DURING VISIT APPEARS DEPEND ON BRAZILIAN PROMPTNESS IN STUDYING AND APPROVING.

3. WITH RESPECT TO MEETINGS OF NEW GROUPS ON ENERGY AND S/T: DEPARTMENT WAS NEVER CONSIDERING HAVING FIRST MEET-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ING OF S/T GROUP FOR UEKI VISIT; WITH RESPECT ENERGY GROUP WE HAD BEGUN TO RULE IT OUT FOR VISIT, IN VIEW OF INITIAL INDICATIONS OF DOUBTFUL FOREIGN MINISTRY REACTION. WE NOW FULLY AGREE WITH EMBASSY CONCLUSION (BRASILIA 3523) THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE PLANNING AND STAFFING NEEDED ON BOTH SIDES TO ASSURE A PRODUCTIVE OPENING MEETING OF THE ENERGY GROUP. INSTEAD, WE WOULD EXPECT TO COVER WITH UEKI IN BROAD TERMS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR

BILATERAL COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY R AND D FIELD, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE WILL BE CONSIDERED IN DETAIL THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF THE ENERGY GROUP. THIS GENERAL REVIEW WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN MEETINGS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY IRVING AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY KRATZER,

OES AND TO SOME EXTENT AT ERDA IN VISIT WITH ADMINISTRATOR SEAMANS AND OTHER RANKING ERDA OFFICIALS.

4. VIA DIRECT CONTACT WITH WESTINGHOUSE, DEPARTMENT WILL TRY TO DETERMINE NATURE OF WESTINGHOUSE INVITATION (BRASILIA 3311) INCLUDING PLACE INVOLVED AND WHETHER UEKI HAS AGREED TO A DATE. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN OBTAIN ON THIS WILL BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, AS WILL SOME FIRM INDICATION OF WHETHER UEKI WISHES US TO PURSUE CONTACT WITH GENERAL ATOMICS.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL BE WORKING WITH BRAZILIAN EMBASSY TO SET APPOINTMENTS FOR IFI VISITS.

6. WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONCERNED ABOUT UEKI'S REFERENCES TO QUOTE COOPERATION UNQUOTE (BEYOND R AND D) IN THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING TECHNOLOGY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF (OIL SHALE) PLANTS (BRASILIA 3311, PARA 8(B)). IF THIS MEANS USG FINANCING OR DIRECT USG HELP IN ASSURING PRIVATE FINANCING FOR THE COMMERCIAL OIL SHALE PLANT (AND WE HAVE DIFFICULTY DETERMINING WHAT OTHER FORMS OF COOPERATION WOULD FIT UNDER THE QUOTED RUBRIC), THE RESPONSES WHICH MUST NECESSARILY BE GIVEN TO THE MINISTER WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THOSE GIVEN TO MOREIRA -- WITH SIMILAR RISKS THAT UEKI WILL SHARE MOREIRA'S DISILLUSIONMENT. DRAWING UPON ACCOUNT OF MOREIRA VISIT (STATE 99453), EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN PRE-TRIP BRIEFINGS MINISTER IS CLEAR ABOUT INHERENT PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING FINANCING FOR PLANT WHICH QUALIFIES NEITHER AS R AND D PROJECT NOR AS ECONOMICALLY SOUND COMMERCIAL VENTURE. SISCO

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